GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1032
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SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS TO ORISSA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing demand to provide special category status to Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to consider the demand; and

(c) the present position in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : Requests have been received regarding grant of special category status to Orissa.

(b) & (c) : Planning Commission has intimated that according to the existing criteria of classifying a state as special category, Orissa is not eligible to be categorized as a Special Category State.